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TO : Chief, Plans/PP

FROM : SR/CPP

SUBJECT: Amendment to Project AERODYNAMIC

1. The attached amendment is being initiated to supplement the existing approved Study Group within Project AERODYNAMIC. The primary purpose of this information is to further the PP efforts by inauguration of black radio transmissions directed at the Ukrainian SSR.

2. The cost involved for this effort has been included in the overall budget submitted with the U.S.S.R. Country Programs, approved in principle by PRC 18 August 1953. Therefore, no additional funds are requested.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is requested that authorization be granted to implement this additional PP venture under Project AERODYNAMIC.

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PROJECT OUTLINE

PROJECT CRYPTONYM: AERODYNAMIC

1. Authorization

- a. USSR Country Program, FY 1954, Approved in principle by PRC, 19 August 1953

2. Other References

- a. "Report on Propaganda Study of Voice Transmission from Athens, Greece, to Caucasus and Soviet Central Asia," to CSR from CCO, 24 February 1953.
- b. "Report on the Cold War Use of Radio Broadcasting by CIA", to Area Divisions from GPF, 25 June 1953, informing of DD/P approval of the report. Paras 3(a), 7(a).

3. Objective and Necessity

a. Objectives

(1) The objective of this project is to utilize broadcast time available on the KUBARK radio installation FYREX at Athens, Greece, for the broadcast of a series of programs to be directed to Soviet officialdom, Soviet military forces stationed in the Ukraine, the indigenous civilian population of the Ukraine, the underground movement and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UPA).

(2) The tasks:

- i. Furnish evidence of outside sympathy and understanding for the Ukrainian peoples.
- ii. Intensify anti-regime disaffection by encouraging resentment, bitterness, and distrust of the Soviet regime and its personalities.
- iii. Maintain national consciousness among the Ukrainians and urge them to maintain pride in the individuality and heritage of their culture.
- iv. Create dissatisfaction among Ukrainian military personnel within the Soviet armed forces stationed in the Ukraine.

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v. Create and intensify dissatisfaction among the Ukrainian civil authorities to the Soviet regime.

b. Necessity and Advantages

(1) Necessity

i. This project is based upon the need to make a more significant propaganda impact on this strategic target audience. At present the only FBPRIME and KUBARK propaganda efforts directed to the target area consist of Voice of America broadcasts and the Radio Liberation effort to the Kiev area in the Russian language.

ii. The presentation of clandestine broadcasts, specifically tailored to the needs of the target audience delivered on a close and friendly basis, will augment the existing inadequate FBPRIME and KUBARK efforts.

iii. It will provide FBPRIME with an opportunity to exploit the nationalist aspirations of the target area in the covert operational field.

(2) Advantages

i. It is possible to utilize the facilities of an established installation.

ii. It will provide a wedge which can be driven deeper between the Soviets and the Ukrainians and would exacerbate existing suspicions and antagonisms between the two ethnic factions.

iii. A psychological climate can be fostered which will be more favorable to the conduct of SR operations in the Soviet Ukraine. Soviet reaction to the broadcasts may indicate certain areas of vulnerability or sensitivity not heretofore recognized.

4. Proposal

a. It is proposed that the SR Division be authorized to plan a psychological warfare campaign to be implemented initially over the PYREX radio station located in Athens, Greece.

The transmission facilities of this station, operating under commercial cover in Greece, are already available to the SR Division.

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It is proposed that programs in the Ukrainian language be produced and recorded on magnetic tape in New York and flown to Athens for broadcast by personnel attached to PYREX. It is realized that programming from this distance is not as efficient and timely as it would be if located nearer the transmitter. However, this is the only means at present whereby immediate advantage can be taken of the PYREX facility. When future operation conditions permit the programming to be prepared closer to the transmitter site, this project's program activities will be transferred accordingly. At first three tapes a week for fifteen minutes each broadcast time will be prepared. With the increase in script output and availability of air time, the broadcasts can be expanded. Programming will utilize the panel cited in para. (3) below.

The following actions will be required to support this project:

(1) The establishment in New York City and/or other locations in the United States as may be necessary, of facilities for writing and producing a series of radio programs with the aims reviewed in para. 3a(2) earlier in the project outline.

(2) Procurement of equipment for recording these programs on magnetic tape. This tape will be pouched and flown to Athens for reproduction.

(3) The augmentation of a Ukrainian study group panel in New York which has been set up in accordance with para. 4c in the PP portion of FY 1953 Renewal of Project AERODYNAMIC. This panel, supervised by one staff employee experienced in psychological warfare activities, will have the following duties:

i. Write or assemble, record, and edit material which will be broadcast and/or held in reserve as a backlog for future broadcasts.

ii. Act as translators, researchers, writers, editors, and announcers.

iii. Collect and collate background and source materials in the form of overtly published books and periodicals and unclassified government information.

iv. Sterilize by rewriting and reattributing classified material for incorporation into the programs.

This project will make use of a staff of recent emigres from the Ukraine which is partially organized in the U.S. for the purpose of preparing material in support of SR projects of this type. Upon the completion of this panel, the group will be in a position to produce programs directed against targets of opportunity.

b. Background

(1) The Athens radio installation available to SR is designated as PYREX. It is now operated several hours daily to support the SE

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Division's program in Bulgaria and Albania through the medium of short-wave broadcasts (ref. BGCONVOY, sub-project METAPHORE; BGFIEND, sub-project HTOURBBY).

(2) In consonance with the PRC request to use existing broadcast facilities wherever possible, and, in order to exploit existing targets, the SR Division is requesting time on the Athens installation especially since it has become apparent that some time is available.

(3) The reference document, "Report on the Cold War Use of Radio Broadcasting by CIA," recommends certain minimum standards for future CIA radio operations. Among these are secure protected bases, relatively lowpowered transmitters with built-in jamming evasion and unconventional broadcasting capabilities and a coordinated support structure capable of supporting all radio operations. A study of base possibilities is being conducted by the radio staff of CFP and they estimate that upwards of two years are required for implementation of radio operations which will meet these minimum standards. This project is submitted as the first phase of the larger operation envisaged by the reference document. Although only a limited amount of time is available on the FIREX facilities, it is believed that effective broadcasts can be beamed into the target area and that the target audience will respond favorably to them. In addition, the preparation of these broadcasts will give valuable experience to both case officer and indigenous production personnel and an experienced team will be ready when the broadcasts are phased into the larger operation.

(4) Technical background information is contained in para. 5h below.

c. Current Status

(1) In Athens the tapes will be run by Office of Communications personnel already in the field.

(2) Screening of the necessary personnel has been initiated. The immediate need is for two recent Ukrainian emigres with PY experience and one Ukrainian announcer with radio experience. These bodies are available contingent upon an operational clearance.

(3) Preliminary coordination has been effected with SE, the CFP radio staff, and the Office of Communications.

(4) A draft of themes to be implemented and a general policy guidance for the content of the radio scripts is being prepared.

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d. Relations with other projects

(1) Although sharing the facilities of FIREX, this project will in no way impede or work at cross-purposes in Athens with actions already undertaken by the SE Division. This project will share base facilities with another new R project, [ ]

5. Operational Outline

a. Area of Operations

(1) The area of operations for this project will be in New York City and Athens.

(2) The target area for this project is the Ukraine, situated in the southwestern portion of the East European lowland, on the shores of the Sea of Azov and the Black Sea, and extending westward beyond the Carpathian Mountains to the Tisza River.

(3) The immediate target audience will include the Soviet officialdom, Soviet military forces stationed in the Ukraine, the indigenous civilian population of the Ukraine, the underground movement and the Ukrainian Insurgent Army (UFA). It is estimated that the ultimate target audience will total approximately forty million people. The availability of receivers to this audience cannot be ascertained, but it is known that short-wave radios can be bought in large cities; returning Soviet troops which had been stationed in Germany are known to have brought back receiving units capable of receiving the Athens signal, in addition to those sets available in military installations and vehicles.

b. Duration

This project will be continuing, subject to renewal at the beginning of each fiscal year. At such times assessment of the project will be made to determine its value to KUBARK in relation to the effort and funds expended, and the indirect FI support provided.

c. Cover and Security

(1) The cover of established study group can be utilized to include this PF effort.

(2) It is proposed that the broadcasts be attributed to a notional group of Ukrainian anti-communists. There will be no connection, actual or implied, with any established Ukrainian emigre group. Since the broadcast tapes will be recorded in the United States and then flown to Athens, no physical security problems are envisaged in Athens.

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(3) No cover documents will be required.

(4) The existing New York office of the study group will serve as an office-studio for preparing the scripts and recording the broadcast tapes. It will, however, become necessary to expand the facilities.

(5) The increased activity is not expected to cause any undue interest in the cover organization. Because the actual recording process will be limited to approximately two scripts per week, the transcribing can take place after regular office hours.

**d1 Risks Involved**

The inherent risk in this type of project is that U.S. Government source of the broadcasts become known. Every effort will be made to keep this risk at a minimum. No U.S. Government interest will be indicated by the station although the progress will be in support of U.S. policy guidances.

**e. Operational Control**

(1) Headquarters - Control by Headquarters will be maintained through an SR Staff employee with psychological warfare experience who will supervise the content of the broadcasts and the contract associates who constitute the propaganda panel in N.Y. Arrangements will be made with the cover group for the Headquarters Case Officer to review the original scripts. An English text translation of the script will be forwarded to Staff concurrently for comments. With the transposition of the text to tape, the transcription will be given to Headquarters for final review and release.

(2) Field - Field control of this project will be exercised indirectly through an Office of Communications representative in Athens. The Athens station has been able to monitor and evaluate its other language broadcasts by defector reports.

**f. Personnel**

**(1) Immediate**

i. Two covert associates, preferably both working full-time, to act as translators, researchers and writers. They must be fluent in the Ukrainian language and should be able to prepare scripts employing contemporary Ukrainian usage.

ii. One announcer fluent in the Ukrainian language with radio or stage experience for translating the text to tape.

iii. One part-time clerk with a reading knowledge of Ukrainian to type the scripts and assist with the research work.

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iv. It is recommended that one of the CASSOWARIES be given a short course in the use and maintenance of audio recording equipment and act as a studio engineer in the preparation of magnetic tape recordings.

v. The part-time use of an Office of Communications employee in Athens to play the tape recordings and be responsible for their storage at the PYREX installation.

(2) Ultimate

i. As the project develops, two additional employees will be needed to write and announce the scripts. These employees must also have the qualifications outlined in para. f(1)(1) above.

ii. It is anticipated that the clerical duties will be expanded as the broadcasting panel increases so that the part-time clerk will become a full-time employee to assist the editor-broadcasters.

g. Support Plan

(1) Equipment. It will be necessary to equip a section of the office of the study group into a small studio-office. The required items are listed in the Financial Annex.

(2) Supplies.

i. Stationery for the New York office.

ii. Recording tapes - 60-cycle tape of standard 7.5 inches per second as required by the recorder used and the play-off equipment in Athens. Duplicate tapes of every program will be prepared: one to be flown to Athens; the other to be retained by Headquarters in Washington.

(3) Finance. Total cost for this project for Fiscal Year 1954 will be ☐ (See Financial Annex for a breakdown of cost.)

(4) Field Support. Use will be made of existing personnel and facilities.

(5) Support Outside KUBARK. Support will be furnished by all other branches of the Government which supply raw information through normal channels to KUBARK. As necessary, classified information which has been reattributed and sterilized, will be cleared with the appropriate agency or department for use in propaganda programs.

h. Communications Plan

(1) Existing facilities in Athens, Greece, will be utilized for

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the broadcasting. The transmitters have a total power output of 2,000 watts. The station will have an audible radius of 1,300 miles under optimum conditions.

(2) Although the SR Division will use the same facilities as the SE Division, there will be no connection, either actual or implied, with the broadcasts already being produced.

(3) If the programs are effective, jamming can be expected. To overcome possible jamming, however, provisions will be made at Athens to change frequencies within the appropriate transmitting band.

(4) Established staff communications between the field and headquarters will be utilized for this project. The standard KUBARK pouch system will be used to transmit the propaganda materials to the field until a more rapid method of transmittal can be developed. From registry to registry this pouch averages seven days.